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SUBJECT: PERU PROPOSAL ON INTERNATIONAL UNION OF COTTON
PRODUCERS

REF: CAIRO 11625

1. ECON OFFICER SEPTEMBER 1 MENTIONED PRESS ITEM REPORTED
IN CAIRO 11625 DURING CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY
OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR BASIC COMMODITIES, JAIME STIGLICH.
STIGLICH STATED THAT FORMER PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER DE
LA FLOR HAD INITIATED IDEA OVER ONE YEAR AGO WITH EGYPTIAN
EMBASSY OFFICIALS. ACCORDING TO STIGLICH THE PROPOSAL WAS
LIMITED TO EXTRA-LONG STAPLE FIBER COTTON.

2. UNDER THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S INSTRUCTIONS, STIGLICH
ORGANIZED AN INTER-MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE PRO-
POSAL. STIGLICH CLAIMED THAT COMMITTEE CONCLUDED THAT
UNION OF EXTRA-LONG STAPLE FIBER PRODUCERS WOULD BE HELPFUL
TO PERU ONLY TO EXTENT THAT PERU COULD RECEIVE TECH-
NOLOGICAL ASSISTANCE FROM EGYPT AND SUDAN WHICH PERU
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CONSIDERS MORE ADVANCED IN THIS FIELD. HOWEVER, COMMITTEE

FELT THAT UNION WOULD NOT HELP PERU OBTAIN HIGHER PRICES
OR BETTER COMMERCIALIZATION.

3. STIGLICH INDICATED THAT COMMITTEE HAD REACHED ITS
CONCLUSION IN JUNE 1976 AND THAT NO ACTION HAD BEEN TAKEN
BY GOP TO PROMOTE UNION OF PRODUCERS SINCE SUBJECT FIRST
RAISED BY DE LA FLOR. HE SEEMED SURPRISED THAT PERUVIAN
AMBASSADOR WOULD RAISE SUBJECT NOW AND OPINED THAT GOVERN-
MENT OF EGYPT MAY HAVE SURFACED THE PROPOSAL IN EFFORT TO
CREATE ADDITIONAL TIE WITH SUDAN AT THIS TIME DURING
THEIR TROUBLES WITH LIBYA. STIGLICH EMPHASIZED THAT
THIS WAS ONLY HIS PERSONAL HYPOTHESIS.

4. IN ANSWER TO QUESTION WHETHER GOP WOULD STILL BE IN-
TERESTED IN COTTON PRODUCERS' UNION IF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
BENEFITS WERE SUITABLY ATTRACTIVE, STIGLICH REPLIED IN
AFFIRMATIVE BUT STRESSED THAT PERU'S INTEREST WAS LIMITED
EXCLUSIVELY TO EXTRA-LONG STAPLE FIBER COTTON. HE LEFT
IMPRESSION THAT PROPOSAL WAS NOT BURNING ISSUE WITH GOP.
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